

e-lesson

Week starting: 7th November 2005

1. Words from the wise (and not so wise!)

On November 13th, 1789, Benjamin Franklin wrote a letter to a friend in which he said, "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." This quotation has gone down in history and is still used today. This week we feature a few words from the wise (and some from the not so wise).

Level:

Elementary and above

How to use the lesson:

1. Give each student in the class a copy of the worksheet. Ask your students to work in pairs, look at the beginning of each quotation and then match it with its ending.
2. As your students are working, go around helping them to make the connections. Sometimes it may be a repeated word (7d 'together' is a repeated idea and so is 'loved' in 1c). Other times they can use the punctuation to help them (ie, if the first part ends in a full stop, the second part can't start with a lower case letter). Most importantly, the two halves should form a quotation that makes sense. 4 and b make the phrase 'I'm President of the United States and I'm not someone else.' Woody Allen, 1975. It works grammatically, but doesn't make sense, and Woody Allen has never been President of the United States. Another answer is therefore likely (4a).
3. Check answers in open class.
4. Find out which quotation your students thought was a) silliest b) funniest c) wisest etc.

Answers

1c 2i 3e 4a 5h 6g 7d 8b 9f

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

Here are some websites full of quotations. Choose by author, subject or day.

<http://www.quotationspage.com/>

<http://www.quoteland.com/>

<http://www.creativequotations.com/>

<http://www.aphids.com/quotes/index.shtml>